

**Town of Barre
Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2018**

The Town of Barre Recreation Board held a public meeting on Monday, December 3, 2018 in the Municipal Building at 149 Websterville Road. Board members present were: Dough Farnham, Dave Rouleau, Terry Smith, Mike Gilbar, and Rolland Tessier. Absent were Adi Dobrilovic and Stacey Lynds. Also present were Chris Cadorette and assistant town manager Elaine Wang.

Chair Farnham called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

There were no changes to the agenda. Rouleau made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Gilbar seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Gilbar made a motion to approve the November 5 minutes as presented. Tessier seconded and the board approved 5-0.

There were no guests for a matter not on the agenda.

5. Field Requests – None.

6. Freezing Fun for Families – Chris Cadorette, President of their Board, provided information about the two 2019 beneficiaries and an update on the 20th anniversary celebration plans. Board members shared publicity ideas. Wang noted that new sod had been placed in front of the tennis court end soccer goal of the lower soccer field and the picnic shelter end of the upper soccer field and for the tournament fields avoid those areas. Cadorette agreed to move the lines 30 feet towards Websterville Road.

7. Vernal Pool Workshop – Wang shared plans for the Vermont Center for Ecostudies to hold a vernal pool workshop on April 27 that would involve a site visit to a vernal pool. The Board had no concerns and by consensus directed Wang to proceed with the workshop.

8. Rec Area guidelines working group – After a discussion of who would be invited to be part of the working group, the topics of discussion, and the purpose of the group, Gilbar made a motion that a working group be created to develop rec area guidelines in cooperation with the softball leagues. The Board agreed that the area Men's, Men's Over 30, Co-Ed, and Women's Softball Leagues be invited. Farnham, Smith, and Tessier volunteered to serve on the working group. The Board directed Wang to reach out to the leagues and figure out a date where a meeting could be held at 6:30pm.

9. Sledding Party – The Rec Board briefly discussed the weather and their availability and decided not to hold a sledding party on Saturday December 8. They agreed to discuss on January 7 whether to hold a sledding party on January 12.

10. Internship program – Smith had suggested at the November meeting that the town explore a hosting summer recreation intern, and offered to do some research to bring to this meeting. She was not able to do that research so the meeting proceeded to the next agenda item.

11. FY19-20 Budget requests – The Board shared their ideas. By consensus they agreed to not request a security camera as recent measures to counteract vandalism at the Rec Area seem to be working, especially in light of the analysis of security camera options provided by staff. Items they did want included were: enough to finish Lower Websterville Playground, including an embankment slide (using the higher of the two estimates for budgeting purposes); repairs to the bike path bridge, level-funding for programs, little league field improvements; minor league baseball field backstop repair; softball field outfield fence repair; and one new light pole for the Rec Area Rd.

Farnham said he would get in touch with a fencing contractor to get quotes on fencing items.

The Board had a discussion about the tennis courts and pickleball. The current year budget includes money to resurface the courts and the contractor has indicated they would do that project in May. The Board

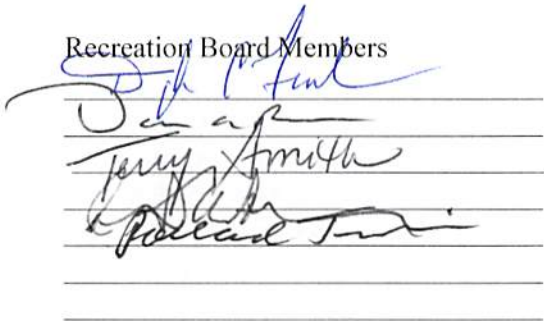
requested that the project be modified such that two of the courts be repainted as 8 pickleball courts. Wang said she would gather information about how often all four courts are currently being used for tennis.

12. Other Business – Farnham made some comments with regards to the Rec Supervisor’s Report provided in writing at the meeting.

13. Round the Table – Wang shared that the Millstone Trails Association’s contractor submitted their invoice for electrifying the Town Forest Garage. It came in at \$950, under the Rec Board-approved amount of \$1,100, and that before anticipated rebates from Efficiency Vermont. Tessier said he might try to organize a touch-a-truck-type event for the Spring into Summer Festival. Farnham said that he wanted the Board to revisit the Dog Park Agreement and asked if the town could provide some leftover gravel from gravel road work for the dog park entrance.

At 7:59pm on a motion by Rouleau, seconded by Tessier, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn.

Recreation Board Members



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